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HINDSIGHT OR FORESIGHT

That it is a dangerous thing to try to dam public sentiment regarding a great principle of self-government has been shown repeatedly. Whether the people of Vermont have grown tired of waiting for a chance to enjoy direct nominations at the hands of the Republican party and have found a new way to nominate a candidate for high office remains to be demonstrated, although that possibility is indicated by current events in the political field.

We are among those who believe the Republican party still has grand opportunities before it, however, in Vermont as elsewhere. The party of Lincoln and Seward and Chase, of Sumner and Hay and our own venerated Morrill still lives, and will again prove its right to live and do service. Some of its leaders of today may have followed after strange political gods and worshipped over much in the temple of Mammon, but many of them are now doing works more for repentance, while the rank and file both in Vermont and out of it have remained true to the faith and traditions of the republican fathers.

This republican trait was never better shown than in the referendum which resulted in an overwhelming popular verdict in favor of direct nominations in Vermont. Every political party in the State had been constrained to incorporate in its declaration of principles of 1912 a plank favoring direct nominations, and yet the factors in control of the Legislature had been able to thwart the popular will and upon one excuse and another prevent the passage of a direct primary law until a referendum was the only loophole of escape from total defeat.

Now that the rank and file have shown their will beyond the possibility of question or doubt, the supreme question for the Republican party in this connection is whether it will still continue to permit some of its dominant factors to try to block the progress of genuine direct nominations by substituting a dummy after the manner of New York, or whether it will exert every effort to spread upon our statutes a measure embodying the best features of present day primary elections.

We believe the Republican party in Vermont will be found ready to respond to the popular demand with a measure that shall provide genuine direct nominations, including the right of nomination for all aspirants on the primary ballot by petition; and to this end we shall hope to join with our contemporaries in discussing the most approved direct primary laws of other States in order that careful deliberation may enable Vermont to adopt the best possible system—Burlington Free Press.

Not to be unkind to our good friend the Free Press we wish it were as active in its foresight as it is industrious in its hindsight.

During three sessions of the legislature a struggle has been waged in behalf of the direct primary. A little band of advocates, some of them Republicans, some of them Democrats and (at the session of 1912) some Progressives, have labored earnestly to secure the enactment of a direct primary law.

While these legislative battles were in progress the friends of the primary at first few in number but increasing as the years passed, looked around for help and particularly for aid in letting the people know the truth about the issue. The Free Press was called the leading Republican newspaper in the state and these friends of the direct primary looked to the Free Press.

Did they get any help? Not a line. Time passed—1908-9-10-11-12—until finally it became clear that it was only a question of time and that the primary was sure to win anyway. Then none so vociferous in its favor as the Free Press and now this talk about the "public will." Had the Free Press—and others—foresight been equal to its hindsight the party to which it claims allegiance would not be in the fix that it is today.

Consider for a moment this same Republican party. The Free Press for months has printed columns of wise advice about the Republicans and Progressives getting together, not seeming to realize that the Free Press itself has been one of the obstacles to such a union.

Let the Free Press hark back two years to the spring of 1912 when its intolerant attitude toward Theodore Roosevelt was a part of the Bourbon chorus that puffed up the party leaders to the pride that goeth before destruction.

Then the editor of the Free Press was elected one of the delegates to the Chicago convention and his vote was in due time recorded with the group that succeeded in electing

more than half the Republican voters of the United States and which has brought the party to the edge of the grave.

The earnest hindsight of the Free Press and those of similar record and experience in trying to get the two factions together will have a hard time to offset the "foresight" of two years ago.

The Banner is not trying to discredit or belittle the Free Press, for in many respects it has done more than any dozen ordinary papers for the good of Vermont. It is merely in this one respect of being behind-hand in its political righteousness that we feel that it is not doing full justice. Most any ordinary mortal can tell what ought to have been done after it is all over and the dust has settled.

What we want is to enlist the aid of the Free Press in behalf of some of the needs of the future. During the past ten years over 200,000 acres of tillable land in Vermont has gone out of the active tillage class though there are hundreds of thousands of young farmers in the country looking for opportunity. We have over 200 million dollars invested outside the state but have failed to finance the principal industrial resource of Vermont. The banks, very properly, are allowed to invest only 60 per cent and the biggest issue before Vermonters today is to finance that other 40 per cent. We have floated a fidelity company and are going in to breeding blue foxes while the real basis of our growth and prosperity is allowed to crumble into decay because of the lack of a proper system of credit. This is one cause in which we hope the Free Press will enlist now rather than in 1921.

There are a score of other issues of great importance. The very bowels of our state treasury are leaking out through our court system. If we can't plug up the hole we at least ought to stop it from getting any bigger. The little state of Vermont is spending a million dollars a year for the upkeep of prisons, jails and police and half of it or more is because our ancestors never learned that the time and way to stop a criminal is to take the orphan and neglected child and see that he gets a fair chance in life. We know the truth—shall we follow our fathers' mistakes?

We need to do something for our rural schools and for those pupils who are most likely to become citizens of Vermont—even if it is necessary to cut down the college appropriations for a time. We need a detention farm for the care and treatment of victims of drink and drugs. We need to meet wisely the problems of labor and capital, of industrialism and business prosperity.

There are the problems of debt and taxation. The state has been doing pretty well compared with other states but some of our towns and cities are going too deeply into debt. We have no right to mortgage our future too heavily.

There are issues on every hand that should enter into the political campaign. We cannot solve them all in one year so let us tackle the two biggest ones, the development of the great neglected agricultural resource of our state and some intelligent plan of lessening the drain on the state treasury and the pockets of the people.

The Free Press can aid in all these things if it desires. Ponderous phrases and glittering generalities amount to nothing and progress may be a route marked by the tombstones of mistakes corrected. It is better to die trying than to choke to death saying pleasant things about candidates for office.

If the Free Press and all the rest of us would turn our thoughts more to these great issues and less to political and partisan strife the profit to the state would be at least several per cent.

We congratulate the Free Press on the great advance it has made during the past year in shaking off some of the old cobwebs. It was a little late in taking hold of the demand of the people for a direct primary, but it did good work at the end. May it never again fall into the old rut from which it has recently escaped. At the same time, because it has found the new freedom, it should not be too hard on some of the brethren who are still bound by the old fetters of partisan regularity, consistency and precedent. Give them time and they also will find their way to the light and air, and to a broader vision.

From this lesson of the past few years not only the Free Press but the Banner and every other newspaper and every citizen of Vermont should learn that we live in a time of change. Some of the old foundations have crumbled and if we open our eyes we shall find that they were built of clay and not of stone.

Particularly we hope that the members of the Republican state committee realize the significance of what the party has passed through during the past two years. The members of this committee are to meet next Tuesday and try to reorganize and they should be alive to the situation as it now is and not be blinded by memories or delusions of the past.

The Republican party for a half century was perhaps the greatest political party in the history of the world. It was formed in the face of a great crisis and performed a wonderful service. It was the intelligent policies emanating from Republican

party councils that made the United States the greatest nation on earth.

Gradually, however, the powers of wealth and privilege got control of the party organization and it failed to respond to the heart throbs of the great middle class which are the life of any party. The power of entrenched privilege had its grip on the organization of the party and temperately, at least, they wrecked the party. Whether the Republican party can come back depends entirely whether its leaders are willing to return the absolute control of the party to the rank and file.

This, in a small way, is the issue at the meeting of the Republican state committee next Tuesday. We do not seek to dictate, but we venture in all humility to suggest. A large number of voters in Vermont are suspicious of the Republican party because they feel or suspect that the rank and file of the voters do not control it but that it is too much in the hands of lawyers, bankers, manufacturers, and other rich or influential men and that the great middle class do not have much to say.

The one thing that the state committee can do that will amount to anything is to take steps to return the absolute control of the party to the rank and file of its membership. The state has voted overwhelmingly for a direct primary in the making of nominations, but we may not get a law in session. Let the Republican state committee provide for a Republican primary and formulate plans to turn over the whole party machinery to the Republican voters. Any other plan will be futile.

There should be no talk of filling vacancies on the committee with an idea of getting together a group of men who can pull the party through. It cannot be pulled through by the main strength of any bunch of politicians.

There is a tendency of the rank and file of the Republicans and Progressives to get together in spite of the vociferous shoutings of alleged leaders who are crazy to have them join but who want to hold the tie that binds. It may be that the two parties can get together but the long time leaders of the Republican party should know that if they do it won't be under the old board of directors. Some of the Progressive leaders may well learn the same lesson. For a time their followers may be docile and do just as they are told but in the long run the party which is not controlled by its great middle class will be wrecked by some incompetent pilot.

Some of our friends of the old school of politics right here in Vermont are the very best citizens we have. We have no patience with the bitter cry of the ignorant that they are all corrupt and cruel. A few of them may be but for the greater number are intelligent, patriotic, kind-

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